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SUBJECT: SUDANESE MEDIA CARRY DETAILS EGYPTIAN/SUDANESE JOINT DEFENSE

PACT

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1. USING SUNA NEWS AGENCY RELEASE, KHARTOUM PRESS JULY 21
REPORTS EXTENSIVELY ON JULY 15 EGYPTIAN/SUDANESE JOINT
DEFENSE PACT. FULL TEXT APPARENTLY NOT RPT NOT CARRIED BUT THREE
PARAGRAPH PREAMBLE IS GIVEN PLUS FOLLOWING KEY PROVISION:

"THE TWO CONTRACTING STATES WILL CONSIDER ANY
ARMED AGGRESSION ON EITHER STATE OR ITS ARMED
FORCES AS AN AGGRESSION DIRECTED AGAINST BOTH OF THEM
AND...WILL IMMEDIATELY TAKE ALL PRECAUTIONS AND UTILIZE ALL
POTENTIALITIES, INCLUDING THEIR ARMED FORCES, TO DEFEAT AND
CRUSH THE AGGRESSOR". SUNA "UNDERSTANDS" THAT
EXECUTION OF THE NEW PACT REQUIRED FORMATION OF A JOINT
DEFENSE COUNCIL AND A JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF ORGANIZATION.

2. COMMENT: SINCE NIMEIRI DOUBLES AS MINISTER OF DEFENSE,
WE ASSUME SUDANESE CHIEF OF STAFF BASHIR MOHAMED ALI MAY
ACT FOR HIM IN MEETINGS INVOLVING EGYPTIAN WAR MINISTER.

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PORTIONS DEFENSE PACT SO FAR PUBLISHED MAKE NO DIRECT

MENTION OF LIBYA BUT REFERENCE IN PREAMBLE TO NEED ON
PART BOTH STATES TO "BROADEN THEIR EFFORTS TO SAFEGUARD
THEIR SAFETY AND SECURITY" IS OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO RECENT
ABORTIVE COUP HERE. BREWER

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